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SUBJ: LITHUANIAN HIJACKERS (BRAZINSKAS, PRANAS AND ALGIRDAS)

REF ANKARA 4491, STATE 120678

1. ARIF CAVDAR, TURKISH ATTORNEY FOR SUBJECTS, CALLED AT CONSULAR SECTION OF EMBASSY AFTERNOON JUNE 11 TO RECOMMEND THAT SUBJECTS BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE USA IMMEDIATELY. HE REPORTED THAT FINAL HEARING IN SUBJECT'S CASE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 11 IN THE 2ND HIGH CRIMINAL COURT OF ANKARA HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL JULY 15 BECAUSE THE SOVIET GOVT'S ATTORNEY HAD FILED WITH THE NEAREST HIGH CRIMINAL COURT (ALTINDAG, ANKARA) A PLEA FOR REVERSAL FO THE DECREE OF RELEASE GRANTED SUBJECTS ON MAY 20 (THE SON) AND MAY 21 (THE FATHER) BY THE 2ND HIGH CRIMINAL COURT AT ANKARA. (HE STATED THAT TWO USSR OBSERVERS APPEARED AT THE COURT JUNE 11).
2. ATTORNEY CAVADAR BELIEVES THERE IS ONLY ABOUT FIVE PERCENT POSSIBILITY THAT THE ALTINDAG HIGH CRIMINAL COURT WILL REVERSE THE RELEASE DECREE GRANTED BY THE 2ND HIGH CRIMINAL COURT. HE SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED MRS. ELENA ARMANAS, LITHUANIAN-AMERICAN LAWYER, BY TELEPHONE AND THAT SHE WOULD GO TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS CASE WITH US AUTHORITIES.
3. ATTORNEY CAVDAR SAID THAT FOR SUBJECTS' SAFETY HERE, THE REQUEST OF ANKARA PRISON DIRECTOR HILMI TEKINAY THROUGH
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THE DEPUTY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR TO THE FIRST SECTION OF ANKARA'S

DIRECTORATE OF SECURITY POLICE, SUBJECTS ARE STAYING IN A SMALL REFUGEE CAMP AT YOZGAT WHICH AT PRESENT HAS ONLY NINE REFUGEES INCLUDING SUBJECTS; THAT THREE ADDITIONAL SECURITY POLICE HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE CAMP FOR SUBJECTS' PROTECTION, MAKING A TOTAL OF FOUR OR FIVE SECURITY POLICE AT THE CAMP.

4. WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT USSR EXTRADITION REQUESTS FOR SUBJECTS, ATTORNEY CAVDAR SAID THAT DIPLOMATIC NOTES REQUESTING EXTRADITION WERE PRESENTED BY THE USSR IN NOVEMBER 1970 AND IN 1971; AND THAT PODGORNYY PERSONALLY HAD ASKED FOR EXTRADITION OF SUBJECTS TO PRESIDENT SUNAY DURING HIS VISIT HERE I 1972, TO MR. DEMIREL DURING THEIR VISIT TO FRANCE FOR DEGAULLE'S FUNERAL AND TO MR. ECEVIT DURING THEIR VISIT TO FRANCE FOR MR. POMPIDOU'S FUNERAL. THE STATEMENTS REGARDING THE EXTRADITION REQUESTS HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.
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